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FOR DR BRZEZINSKI ONLY

FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 11734 ACTION SECSTATE JUL 14

QUOTE: S E C R E T CAIRO 11734

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR XF

SUBJECT: CODEL HAMILTON MEETING WITH ARAFAT

1. CONGRESSMEN HAMILTON AND OBEY WITH STAFFERS VAN DEUSEN AND MAREK MET WITH ARAFAT FOR 2-1/2 HOURS AT MERIDIEN HOTEL LATE JULY 12. (CONGRESSMEN ROSENTHAL AND MIKVA PREFERRED NOT TO ATTEND.) ALSO PRESENT WERE ISAM SARTAWI, SABRI JIRYIS AND ABU MAYZAR. I ASSUME CONGRESSMEN WILL BE REPORTING TO YOU ON MEETING, BUT WE GATHER FROM COMMENTS MADE TO US THEY WERE NOT OVERLY IMPRESSED WITH ARAFAT OR HIS RATHER CONFUSED PRESENTATION. ARAFAT APPARENTLY DID SAY SEVERAL TIMES THAT  
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HE WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT MINI-STATE TO INCLUDE WEST BANK, GAZA AND A CORRIDOR AND THAT HE WOULD DEVOTE REST OF HIS LIFE TO MAKE IT ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY VIABLE. AS FOR FUTURE PALESTINIAN GOALS, ARAFAT SAID HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE HOW HIS CHILDREN WOULD THINK AND ACT.

2. ARAFAT CONVEYED IMPRESSION OF WISHING TO PARTICIPATE

IN GENEVA BUT OFFERED NO IDEAS OR FORMULA WHICH WOULD FACILITATE THIS. LITTLE OR NO MENTION WAS MADE OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. ON LINK BETWEEN PALESTINE ENTITY AND JORDAN, ARAFAT INDICATED TALKS WERE PROCEEDING BUT WAS NOT MORE PRECISE AND DID NOT REVEAL HIS VIEW OF WHEN ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOME LINKAGE WOULD TAKE PLACE.

3. DESPITE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTING MEETING, BOTH CONGRESSMEN TOLD ME THEY FAVORED OPENING OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN U.S. AND PLO.

4. PRESS IS AWARE OF MEETING, BUT EMBASSY IS OFFERING NO COMMENT SINCE IT PLAYED NO PART IN ARRANGING IT AND ANY COMMENT SHOULD COME FROM CONGRESSMEN THEMSELVES.  
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